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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 28, 2005, applicants elect Claims 1-16 and 33, drawn to an expression vector for initial examination in the above-referenced patent application. Election is without prejudice to applicants' right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a subsequent patent application.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement with respect to claim Groups I (Claims 1-16 and 33), II (Claims 17-19), and III (Claims 20-32). Claim Groups II and III are directed to methods of using the expression vectors defined by Claims 1-16 and 33. Consequently, applicants submit that it does not impose an undue burden on the Examiner to search and examine Claim Groups I, II, and III together.

Respectfully submitted,

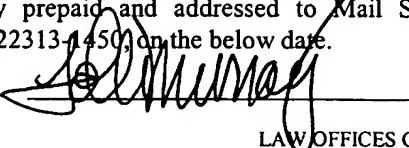
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